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A.	CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER						
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C.	DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT						
Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appro	Relevant to claim No.					
A	WO 01/54490 A1 (RITCHEY) 2 August 2001						
A	WO 99/29167 A1 (ALLFLEX NEW ZEALA) WO 94/14316 A1 (POTTS ET AL.) 7 July 19						
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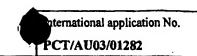
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International application No. CT/AU03/01282

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WO	9414316	AU	57074/94	EP	0676917		
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Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

An animal tag comprising, a penetrating component (3) having two ear penetrating members (9) joined by a strip of intermediate material (13), a complementary component (5) having a locking portion (17) for each penetrating member (9), and ramp means (21) for each locking portion (17), wherein the ear penetrating members (9) are designed to be passed through an ear of an animal and to lock onto the locking portions (17) to sandwich the ear in a gap between the penetrating component (3) and complementary component (5) and the ramp means (21) co-operate with the ear penetrating members (9) to vary the size of the gap whereby to provide a range of gap sizes to accommodate varying ear thicknesses and/or growth of the animal.							
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